

Application No. 09/732,205
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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A digital camera as claimed in claim 5, wherein comprising:

~~an optical finder for optically viewing a photographic object;~~
~~an electronic finder for electronically displaying a photographic object;~~
~~an operation member for performing an electronic zoom;~~
~~a switching member for switching between an activated state and a deactivated state of the electronic finder; and~~

~~[[a]] the controller for setting sets~~ the electronic finder to the activated state forcedly ~~when the electronic zoom is performed by the operation member~~, even if the electronic view finder had been manually turned off.

2. (Original) A digital camera as claimed in claim 1, further comprising an indicator for indicating a warning when electronic zoom is performed.

3. (Original) A digital camera as claimed in claim 2, wherein said indicator is provided at a position that is viewable when the photographer is looking in said optical finder.

4. (Original) A digital camera as claimed in claim 2, further comprising a zooming lens for image sensing, and said indicator indicates the warning when an effective magnification of one or both an optical zoom of said zoom lens or said electronic zoom exceeds a magnification range of said optical finder.

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5. (Previously Presented) A digital camera comprising:
 - an optical finder for optically viewing a photographic object;
 - an electronic finder for electronically displaying a photographic object;
 - an operation member for performing an electronic zoom;
 - a switching member for switching between an activated state and a deactivated state of the electronic finder;
 - a zooming lens for image sensing; and
 - a controller for setting the electronic finder to the activated state forcedly when an effective magnification of one or both an optical zoom of said zoom lens or said electronic zoom is less than a minimum or more than a maximum possible magnification of said optical finder.
6. (Previously Presented) A digital camera as claimed in claim 5, wherein said controller maintains the state of said electronic finder even when said effective magnification is changed to more than a minimum and less than a maximum possible the magnification of the optical finder.
7. (Previously Presented) A digital camera comprising:
 - an optical finder for optically viewing a photographic object;
 - an electronic finder for electronically displaying a photographic object;
 - an operation member for performing an electronic zoom;
 - a switching member for switching between an activated state and a deactivated state of the electronic finder;
 - a setter for setting a magnification for image sensing when the digital camera is activated; and
 - a controller for setting said electronic finder to the activated state when said magnification is determined to be outside a magnification range of the optical finder, wherein said magnification range extends from a minimum to a maximum magnification of said optical finder.

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8. (Original) A digital camera as claimed in claim 7, further comprising a memory for storing a magnification for image sensing when the digital camera power source is turned OFF, and said setter is set to the magnification stored in the memory.

9. (Previously Presented) A digital camera comprising:
an optical finder for optically viewing a photographic object;
an electronic finder for electronically displaying a photographic object;
an operation member for performing an electronic zoom;
a setter for setting a magnification for image sensing when the digital camera is activated; and
an indicator for indicating a warning when said magnification is outside a magnification range of the optical finder, wherein said magnification range extends from a minimum to a maximum possible magnification of said optical finder.

10. (Original) A digital camera as claimed in claim 9, further comprising a memory for storing a magnification for image sensing when the digital camera power source is turned OFF, and said setter is set to the magnification stored in the memory.

11. (Currently Amended) A recording medium contains a program to be executed by a digital camera having an optical finder for optically viewing a photographic object, an electronic finder for electronically displaying a photographic object, an operation member for performing an electronic zoom, and a switching member for switching the electronic finder between an activated state and a deactivated state, said program implementing:
performing the electronic zoom by said operation member; and
setting said electronic finder to the activated state forcedly when the an effective magnification of one or both an optical zoom and an electronic zoom is performed less than a minimum or more than a maximum possible magnification of said optical finder, even if the electronic view finder had been manually turned off.